

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently amended) In combination:

a bulk bag having a bottom, a peripheral sidewall, and ~~means for attaching~~ ties attached to one of the bottom or the peripheral sidewall of the bulk bag;

two rigid parallel-piped fork lift tine receiving members having opposed ends, the fork lift tine receiving members underlying the bottom of the bulk bag;

securing means being provided to secure each of the opposed ends of the fork lift tine receiving members to the bulk bag, thereby limiting movement of the fork lift tine receiving members in relation to the bottom of the bulk bag; and

at least one of the securing means including ~~at least one opening~~ a pair of axially spaced slots on top of each of the opposed fork lift tine receiving members at one of the opposed ends, the ~~opening ties~~ being adapted to receive ties, such that threaded through the slots to secure the fork lift tine receiving members ~~are secured~~ to the bulk bag ~~by ties~~.

19. (New) A rigid fork lift tine receiving member, comprising:

a fork lift tine receiving member having a top and opposed ends; and

a pair of axially spaced slots on top of each of the opposed fork lift tine receiving members at one of the opposed ends.